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## Schools 'face £900k cuts'

But trust says rising pupil numbers will have positive impact on funding

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HAVERHILL schools could face cuts of more than £900,000 following government changes to funding.

The Department for Education (DfE) has been consulting on introducing a 'fairer funding formula' for all schools in England and Wales

from 2018/2019 as well as cuts to the Education Services Grant announced in the 2015 Budget.

All nine schools in Haverhill are projected to have their funding slashed by a total of £924,808 by 2019 if plans go ahead.

Samuel Ward Academy, which leads the Samuel Ward Academy Trust (SWAT), is likely to be the worst affected with a potential in-



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come cut of £365,294, equivalent to losing £332 per pupil and nine teachers.

SWAT operates six of the nine Haverhill schools likely to be affected, but believe it can cope with any

funding changes.

Mark Neild, deputy CEO of the trust, said: "Samuel Ward Academy Trust has robust financial management and forecasting processes. This enables the trust to mitigate any risk factors and allows us to remain focused on delivering outstanding educational outcomes for our students."

"As a well regarded trust with

schools that have their community at their heart, our student numbers are rising year-on-year. This will have a positive impact on our future funding on our schools.

"As an established trust, we can offer economies of scale through centralised services and as such make efficient use of our funding."

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**TURNING THE TABLES:** Educators from universities in Spain, Hungary and Finland and school students from Spain visited Linton Village College.

## Village college pupils lead science lesson

**AERODYNAMICS** was on the agenda when students turned the tables and tried their hands at teaching.

Youngsters at Linton Village College have been leading from the front, taking part in an international project that saw them heading their own lessons on a scientific topic of their choice.

After working through their lunchtimes to prepare their lessons, the pupils were joined last week by students and researchers from universities in Spain, Hungary and Finland, as part of the international Erasmus

scheme.

The project was led by Elizabeth Crilly, director of educational charity Stem Team East.

She said the students came up with activities they wanted to do themselves and totally self-managed it to inspire other children.

Elizabeth said: "It worked brilliantly well. And they have been leading the way on it."

"They did an investigation using a wind tunnel built by the school technician a couple of years ago, but these students are the first to

use it, with a smoke machine to show the aerodynamics at work."

Elizabeth said: "They have been self-motivated and self-taught and they were teaching their peers working at an extremely high level."

"Afterwards they were really quite delighted with themselves, they all realised how much they had learnt and were all quite pleased, and I think they appreciated how hard it is to be a teacher."

For more about the charity see [www.stemteameast.org.uk](http://www.stemteameast.org.uk).

## CRIME

# Big rise in county child sex offences

**SEX** offences against children in Suffolk have hit an all time high after rising 36 per cent.

According to figures obtained by the NSPCC, child sex offences recorded by Suffolk police rose from 444 in 2014/2015 to 604 in 2015/2016.

Of the 604 crimes, 151 were committed against children under the age of 10 and 26 were against children under the age of 4.

Police recorded crimes including rape, sexual assault and sexual exploitation in Suffolk in the last year.

NSPCC chief executive Peter Wanless said: "The steep rise lays bare just how extensive this appalling crime against children has become, claiming multiple victims every hour, some of whom are yet to say their

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first word.

"Sexual abuse can shatter a child's life and leave them feeling ashamed, depressed or even suicidal. Now, more than ever, victims need help as soon as possible to help them recover from their ordeals and go on to lead full and happy lives."

"Government must commit funds to early intervention that better helps these children who through no fault of their own are enduring so much pain."

The latest statistics from the NSPCC showed recorded crimes totalling 55,507, a national rise across England and Wales of 19 per cent which equates to an average of one offence every 10 min-

utes.

The charity believes that one reason why there has been such a dramatic increase is online grooming where predators can reach multiple children.

The charity also highlighted improved recording methods by police and survivors feeling more confident about reporting their experiences following high profile cases.

The NSPCC is calling for investment in several areas to help cope with the increased numbers of children who have been affected.

These include: specialist training for police investigating online child abuse, effective rehabilitation for child sex offenders and investment in early intervention services to help children recover.

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## COMMUNITY

# Town starts consultation to bring back market

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A CONSULTATION about bringing a market back to the town of Clare will start next week.

Auctioneer and antique dealer Robin Stone has put together a plan with other business owners about options for reopening the market.

Now the group is urging St Edmundsbury Borough Council to consider the proposals.

Clare had a long-running market but it eventually dwindled away and came to an end in 1999.

Residents and local businesses will be able to have their say during a drop-in session on Tuesday night, March 28, at the Bell hotel in the town.

The session, which is open to all, will run from 5-8pm.

Cllr Alaric Pugh, St Edmundsbury cabinet member for family and growth who represents Clare on the borough council, said: "A strong market with a good mix of

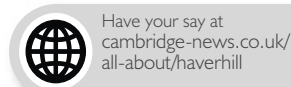


**MARKET BID:** Cllr Alaric Pugh, left, believes the proposal could give the town a boost. Right, Robin Stone who has spearheaded the fight.



stalls can really enhance a town centre, serving the needs of the town's residents as well as attracting more shoppers and visitors.

"Clare is a fantastic town with wonderful charm and character but perhaps a weekly or monthly market could make it more special



still."

However, Cllr Pugh did warn that the stalls would have to be the right mix and could be a place for new Clare businesses to experiment.

Mr Stone believes a market is important for the future of the town, which currently relies on small shops.

He said: "If we lose these little shops, it affects everyone. I put a post on Facebook and instantly got loads of feedback and loads of support from people in Clare and other villages like Hundon."

No decision has been made on a site of any new market, but Market Hill in the town centre has been proposed as the preferred site because the impact on parking in the town would be minimal.

Clare Town Council found in a recent parish survey that there was strong support for the market to make a comeback.

## EDUCATION

## Schools 'face £900,000 in funding cuts'

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He added: "Savings we achieve through these centralised processes are invested in teaching and learning."

The national funding formula was announced by Education Secretary Justine Greening last year.

Unions have launched a school cuts website which breaks down how much funding each school could be set to lose. It draws on findings from a December 2016 National Audit Office (NAO) report which found that mainstream schools in England would need to find £3 billion of savings by 2019/20 to counteract cost cutting.

A DfE spokesperson said: "On sites such as [schoolcuts.org](http://schoolcuts.org), NUT and ATL ignore the fact that pupil numbers, nationally and in many schools, are rising.

"Because per pupil funding is protected at current rates, this means more money in our schools. Overall, taking per pupil funding and rising pupil numbers together, the school budget will be maintained in real terms in this parliament."

To find out how the cuts might affect schools in your area go to [www.schoolcuts.org.uk](http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk)



**MASTERCHEFS:** Haverhill Scouts whipped up a storm with their oriental menu

## Victory tastes sweet for Scout troop

FOUR Haverhill Scouts have shown their culinary prowess by winning a cooking competition.

The youngsters from 1st Haverhill Scouts made it consecutive wins at the annual Sudbury District Cooking Competition.

Haverhill's team of Aidan, Jesse, Josh and Riley whisked away the competition with

their offering of a meatball and curry main course, followed by a coconut centred dessert in line with the competition's oriental theme.

This is the seventh win in a decade for Haverhill Scouts.

1st Haverhill Scout leader David Miller said: "We're proud of how our Scouts performed, and being crowned best cooks in the district for the

second consecutive year is a great achievement.

"Scouting teaches children a wide range of skills, with cooking being just one of them, and all of them being about becoming independent and having fun. This success shows how much the children benefit from Scouting and how much they've taken on board."

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# Extra funds help elderly live in their own homes



WELCOME BOOST: Cllr Mark Howell says warden schemes play an important role

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INDEPENDENT living for older people across South Cambridgeshire has been given a boost thanks to additional funding.

Community warden schemes in 17 South Cambridgeshire towns and villages have been awarded a share of £19,250 to support projects that help elderly people stay in the homes and communities they love.

The funding came from South Cambridgeshire District Council warden scheme grant fund.

Towns and villages benefitting from the scheme received between £2,520 and £250.

Included in the funding is Linton community warden scheme which received £2,500.

Seven smaller villages, Balsham, Weston Colville, West Wrattling, Horseheath, West Wickham, Castle Camps and Shudy Camps, were collectively given £3,040 from the fund.

Cllr Mark Howell, South Cambridgeshire District Council's cabinet member, responsible for community work, said: "Warden schemes play an important role in helping hundreds of residents to live independently in their homes and in the

community they know, and which knows them.

"We appreciate that it can be tough for the community sector and these grants will be a welcome boost to local schemes that work extremely hard and do an excellent job delivering important services to our elderly residents."

The schemes match elderly residents with a local warden who offers regular personal visits and telephone calls.

Cambridgeshire District Council said this was not a replacement service for social care but offered additional support and peace of mind to residents and their families.

Last year's grants helped support more than 300 people by part-funding schemes across the district.

Residents need to pay a charge for the service which helps finance the rest of the scheme.

Wardens also help with tasks like shopping, booking appointments, form-filling and picking up prescriptions.

Many of the schemes are run by local communities with the support of Care Network or Age UK Cambridgeshire.



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## HEALTH

## Surgery given good rating

A GP surgery near Haverhill has been rated 'good' after a 'requires improvement' rating last year.

Wickhambrook Surgery had an inspection on February 20 and has been rated by the Care Quality Commission as 'good' overall for having safe services.

The last report said the surgery had 'good' ratings for being effective, caring, responsive and well led – but safety was an issue.

Libby Hoffman, practice manager, said: "It's very important to us that we have a good rating."

"The previous rating we had in June told us that we needed to improve in one area. They wanted us to revise our procedures for checking the expiry dates on dressings for wounds. We've revised the procedures now, so that's why we've been classified as 'good' overall, which is pleasing to us."

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## COURT

## Man pleads guilty to drug driving

A HAVERHILL man pleaded guilty to six charges at Ipswich Magistrates' Court on Monday.

Christopher Tillett, of Landseer Court, was charged with possession of an offensive weapon, a lock knife; two charges of possessing Class A drugs, cocaine and heroin; and one charge for possession

of the class B drug cannabis.

Tillett also pleaded guilty to two counts of driving a car while under the influence of drugs.

Tillett was given a 12-month community order for each charge to run concurrently.

He was also disqualified from driving for 12 months, ordered to attend

rehabilitation and must forfeit the knife and drugs which will be destroyed.

Additionally, Tillett was ordered to pay a surcharge of £85 and court costs of £85.

Tillett had been driving his black Ford Galaxy down the B1061, Wrattling Road in Great Thurlow, when the initial arrest was made.

## COUNCIL

# Masterplan 'is a success story'

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ONE Haverhill chairman John Mayhew has hit back at claims the town masterplan was lacking transparency.

Councillors John Burns and Tony Brown questioned the progress of the masterplan since the majority of the meetings were held in private.

Mr Mayhew said: "The Haverhill Town Centre Masterplan has been one of the success stories of the One Haverhill partnership.

"There have been great successes since the masterplan was adopted and with the hard work of so many people pulling in the right direction, there will be many more successes to come."

The masterplan document was adopted by St Edmundsbury Borough Council 18 months ago to help shape how Haverhill would develop over the next 15 years.

Speaking to the News Cllr Brown said he and colleague John Burns were not criticising the masterplan but rather trying to make sure that everything was going forward.

He said: "I'm fairly confident in what One Haverhill are doing, it's just to make sure that residents and councillors are kept in the loop."



HITTING BACK: John Mayhew



CONFIDENT: John Griffiths

Mr Mayhew said; "Our governance requires board members, especially those sitting on task groups such as the masterplan, to feed-back information to the originations they represent.

"Councillors who sit on the board and on the task groups must use their judgement as to what they report and what should be treated confidentially."

Cllr John Griffiths, leader of St Edmundsbury Borough Council, said: "Fifteen years ago, Haverhill didn't have a cinema complex with a mix of restaurants, or a town centre supermarket, let alone a range of new and improved leisure and sporting facilities among many other things.

These all took time, investment, very hard work and strategic thinking to achieve. I am confident that as we progress with this long term plan, the town centre will be further improved though this will be dependent on people working together to make it happen in the best possible way for Haverhill."

The task group is made up of members of ONE Haverhill partnership, local councillors and businesses, leisure, health, housing and highways.



## CRIME

## Illegal rave broken up by police

POLICE broke up an illegal rave just six miles from Haverhill last weekend.

Between 60 and 80 people were found at the rave at 6.10am on Sunday morning in a wooded area off Cornish Hall End Road in Stambourne.

No arrests were made but officers stayed at the scene until 1pm on Sunday while the site was cleared.

Police liaised with the landowner and partners, including Braintree District Council.

Superintendent Nick Morris said: "Essex police will not tolerate illegal events of this kind.

"This is a public safety issue, which has a significant impact upon the local community.

"It is important to

remember these events are not regulated in relation to health and safety measures and that the environment is not necessarily a safe one.

"We are grateful to the local residents who told us what was going on and would urge other people to do the same if they hear of similar events being planned."

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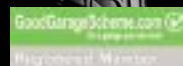
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## Pictures from the past

THIS week we ventured into our archives for photographs of Castle Manor school in Haverhill.

School years are said to be the best years of your life. Here, we take a nostalgic snapshot of some of those years.

Clockwise from top: Aerobics, activities day 1999; opening of new

biology room 1988; band practice, 1990; Castle Manor pupils in 1990; a mural in Castle Manor in 1988 and pupils taking part in a maths class in 1999.

If these pictures bring back any memories, or you have any images you want to share contact [rachael.mcmenemy@cambridge-news.co.uk](mailto:rachael.mcmenemy@cambridge-news.co.uk)





## ARTS



## Students step up to arts centre stage

SAMUEL Ward Academy will light up the stage at Haverhill Arts Centre with a production of *Billy Elliot*.

The production will run from March 28-31 at the school and on April 2 and 3 at the arts centre. One of the arts centre performance's has nearly sold out already.

Drama teacher Matthew Russel said: "It

is wonderful that they can perform in a real theatre and perform to members of the public and not just their friends and family. We are very proud of our school productions and everyone has worked very hard to ensure this is a success."

Tickets can be purchased from the school or the arts centre box office.



**MUSICAL TREAT:** top: Billy's dance classmates Ryan Abbott, left, as Jackie Elliot. Right, Aidan Elsdon as Billy Elliot



## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Window smashed and cash stolen from taxi

CASH was stolen from a taxi which had a window smashed overnight between March 12 and March 13.

The driver side front window was shattered and £55 was taken from the taxi during the theft at Wentford Court on the Clements Estate in Haverhill.

Police inquiries are ongoing and anyone with information should call 101.

## Vandals try to set fire to vehicles on farm

VANDALS tried to set fire to disused cars at a farm in the Steeplechase area of Hurdon last week.

The incident happened at Scotch Green Farm at 12.30pm on Wednesday, March 15.

As well as the attempted arson the vandals also tried to knock off wing mirrors and take the number plates from the vehicles.

## Caravans targeted by overnight thieves

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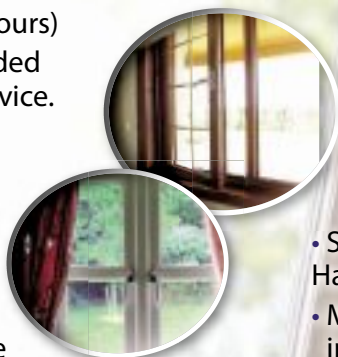
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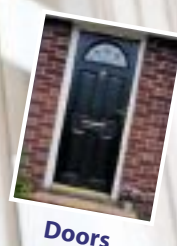


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### COGAN Marion

Passed away peacefully in The Meadows Care Home on 28th February, aged 69 years.

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### Helen

of Withersfield

died peacefully at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Saturday 11th March 2017, aged 95 years.

Dearly loved wife of the late Harry, devoted mum of Margaret and much loved Nanna of Glynn and Adam & Wann.

Funeral service at Withersfield Parish Church on Wednesday 29th March at 2pm, followed by interment in the adjoining cemetery.

Family flowers only please but if wished donations for Dementia UK may be sent c/o H.J. Paintin Ltd, 60 Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 9HE

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### Eileen

Susan, Petina, Jeffrey, Thomas and Tzarina would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their condolences, kind messages, sympathy cards and mass cards received during the very sad loss of their mum/nan.

Also we would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral service, and to all who sent flowers and made donations to Marie Curie Nursing Fund in her memory.

We give thanks to Father Michael Teader for conducting a beautiful service at St Felix Church, Haverhill.

A huge thank you to Mandy from Bloomin' Lovely for the creativity with our flower tribute requests, they were amazing.

A special thank you to Sarah Paintin and colleagues at H.J. Paintin Ltd, Funeral Directors for their patience and ensuring that everything went well on the day, they even bought the sun with them.

The Marie Curie Nursing Fund will be open for another 6 weeks if anyone wishes to make a donation in Eileen Payton's memory please send these to H.J. Paintin Ltd, 60 Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 9HE.

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## HEALTH

# Two hospital ward shut by winter vomiting bug

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TWO wards at West Suffolk Hospital have been shut in successive weeks following an outbreak of norovirus.

Ward G5 was closed to new admissions last week after three cases of the bug were confirmed.

The previous week, neighbouring ward G4 was also closed at the hospital in Bury St Edmunds after an outbreak of the winter vomiting bug, but has since reopened.

A hospital spokesperson could not comment on how the virus had spread, saying: "G4 and G5 are separate wards with different specialisms, with no shared staff and no direct access between them."

West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust is asking people who have had sickness and diarrhoea to stay away from the hospital until they have been symptom free for 48 hours.

Rowan Procter, chief nurse, said: "Norovirus is very infectious and every year there are cases in

the community which transfer to the hospital.

"Because the virus has an incubation period of a few days, people are often unaware that they are carrying it until after they have passed it on.

"We would advise anyone who has had diarrhoea or vomiting to stay away from the hospital for at least 48 hours after they have recovered, even if they feel better. Otherwise, they run the risk of unknowingly passing the highly contagious illness on to someone who is already sick.

"Anyone who visits the hospital should be vigilant and take care to clean their hands. If they are visiting the affected ward, they should use soap and water when they arrive and before they leave as the alcohol gel is not effective against this virus."

If people are worried about their symptoms they are urged to ring NHS on 111 or visit their local pharmacy to receive advice, especially those at greater risk of dehydration from diarrhoea and vomiting such as children under the age of 5 or older people.



**APPEAL:** Chief Nurse Rowan Procter advises anyone who has had diarrhoea or vomiting to stay away from the hospital for at least 48 hours after they have recovered



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## EDUCATION

## County council presented with award for teaching aid

SUFFOLK County Council has won a national award for its work promoting understanding between different faiths.

The Suffolk County Council Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) received a special commendation for its teaching controversial issues tool kit.

County council cabinet member for children's services, education and skills, Cllr Gordon James, said: "We are thrilled to be recognised for the hard work that Suffolk SACRE have put in to produce the tool kit for teaching controversial issues."

He added the council had lots of positive feedback from teachers who felt more confident using it.

SACRE advises and monitors assemblies and teaching of religious education classes in schools across the county.

Suffolk's tool kit seeks to give confidence and offer practical advice to teachers delivering controversial issues including: a duty to prevent people being drawn into terrorist-related activity; promotion of pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and the requirement of British schools to teach 'fundamental British values' such as democracy, the rule of law and tolerance.



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# Pupils get community awards

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FIVE young people have been presented with citizen's awards for contributions to their schools and communities.

The Young Citizen's Awards are presented by Haverhill and District Rotary Club to pupils who have been nominated by their schools for their achievements.

This year's winners were Eloise Aubrey and

Ben Gibson, at Castle Manor Academy in Haverhill; Caitlin Benham and Holly McGerty, at Samuel Ward Academy in Haverhill and Brianna Digby, at Stour Valley Community School in Clare.

Ben was nominated for his contribution to eco projects in the school and community which he has shared with others by setting up a bushcraft club, holding assemblies for primary schools and volunteering at East Town Park.

Eloise gained her award for volunteering all

summer at St Mary's Church summer school, leading arts and craft activities for younger children in Haverhill and for her work helping at the school's lunch club for vulnerable children.

Vanessa Whitcombe, headteacher at Castle Manor Academy, said: "At Castle Manor we are very proud of the work that our children put in to their local community and supporting others. Eloise and Ben are both excellent examples of everyday kind spirit that can sometimes go unnoticed."

At Samuel Ward Academy Caitlin was nominated for being a role model to others through her work ethic and promotion of school values and Holly was put forward as an excellent school ambassador for sport.

Brianna was selected for her charity work, she has been instrumental at Stour Valley school in raising awareness and funds for charities Help for Heroes and Mind.

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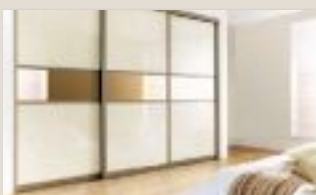
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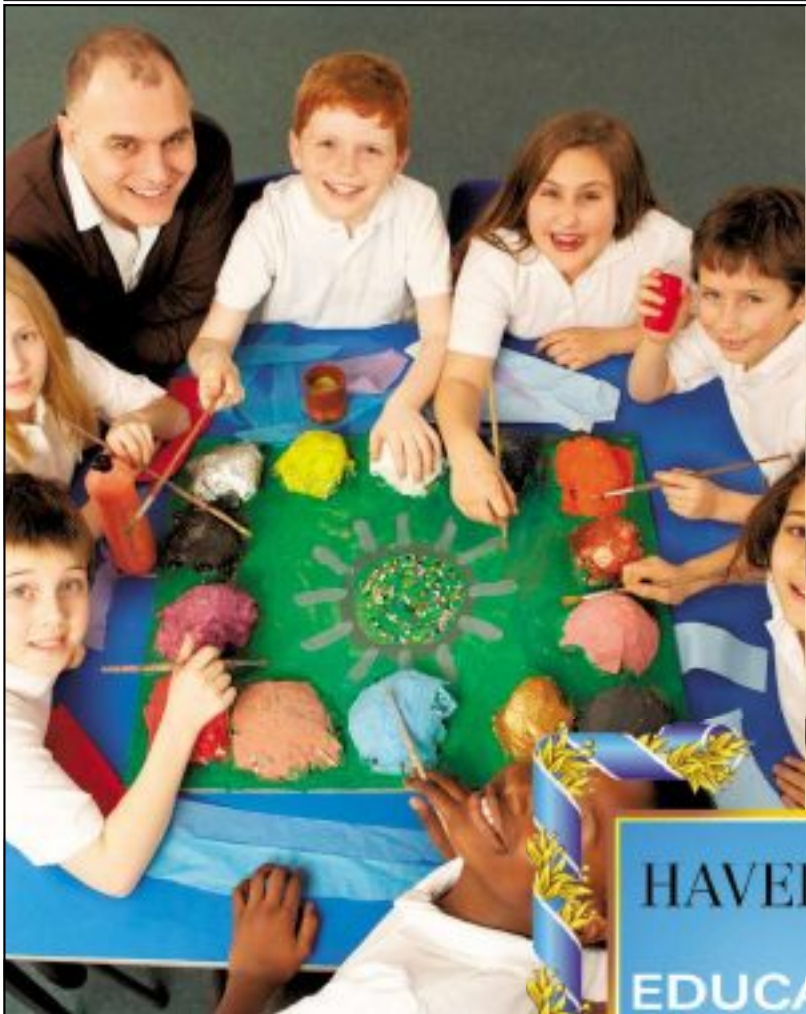


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children's skills by developing a more knowledge-based curriculum, with significant changes in exam preparation.

There is now a bigger focus on helping children develop resilience when tackling problems, a factor equally important to developing and maintaining knowledge.

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These range from participating in sports, to performing arts and more unusual topics including learning Japanese and joining the Raspberry Pi Coding Club.

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# Coping with life in a digital age

**L**ESSONS are being introduced in schools to combat the rise of mental health issues fuelled by social media. Katie Wright reports

A series of lesson plans are being developed to help children cope with the pressures of living in an increasingly digital world.

Online stress, body image and the importance of sleep are three of the areas of focus set out by Public Health England (PHE) in comments on a government inquiry into the role of education in young people's mental health.

"Access to social media and the internet is now a part of children's everyday lives and offers opportunities as well as potential risks," the statement says. "Some studies suggest excessive screen time can be associated with lower levels of self-reported happiness, lower self-esteem, behaviour and attention problems."

Recognising that long periods spent on smartphones and tablets mean kids can become less active, which in turn contributes to anxiety and stress, the lessons are designed to build resilience and promote positive mental health.

The NHS reports that sleep disorders



in under-14s have tripled in the past 10 years, while in 2015/16 there was a rise of 42 per cent in diagnoses of anxiety in under-18s.

The lesson plan content is designed to communicate with youngsters "in a language they will understand and engage with".

The teen-friendly website features

video clips and guest appearances from bloggers their parents probably haven't even heard of.

Teachers who don't consider themselves very tech-savvy will get help, too, as the initiative will "help build teachers' digital literacy and equip them to deal with challenging topics in class".



## Call to tackle issue of mental health

**A** MAJORITY of teachers think exam results are prioritised over the wellbeing of pupils, a charity has said.

The Government is being urged to tackle what has been described by YoungMinds as a mental health crisis in UK classrooms.

Most parents think schools have a duty to provide support for students' mental health, a survey by the organisation suggested.

Theresa May is being urged to redress the "fundamentally unbalanced" education system. Pupils' wellbeing should be considered as important as academic achievement, the charity

has told the Prime Minister in an open letter. The charity has called for "proper" funding of wellbeing initiatives, better recognition for schools which do good work on the issue, and specific mental health training for teachers.

YoungMinds said 82 per cent of teachers agreed that the focus on exams has become disproportionate to students' wellbeing. A separate survey suggested 92 per cent of parents feel schools should support the mental health of students, and three-quarters would choose a school their child is happy in even if previous results were not good.

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## CHRIS HUTCHINSON DISCOVERS THRILLS IN BRAZIL, HIGHS IN URUGUAY AND TANGOS WITH NINA IN ARGENTINA



Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Ladies in Salvador Brazil in traditional dress



The port food market Montevideo, Uruguay



The Tijupe waterfall in Ilheus

**A**N AMBITION was realised when I read the itinerary Fred.Olsen Cruise Lines was offering. Its ship Boudicca was visiting exciting places in Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina, and oh, yes via Cape Verde islands off West Africa.

I was also enthused by the ship's shore excursions, offering a wide choice in each port. The tour staff's help and expertise proved invaluable; we booked a series.

Escorted by dolphins, Boudicca's first port of call was Mindelo Cape Verde. Our tour included the lively fish market where exotic catches were displayed, with stall holders competing robustly for custom, then the African market where goods were sold at keen prices.

Then it was on to Cat Fish and North Bay, where mountain meets white sand dunes, which welcome the crashing of Atlantic surf.

Sailing the Atlantic Ocean we got to know our ship. Boudicca is smaller than many of the monster cruise ships around today, holding 880 passengers in 462 rooms.

Immediately apparent was the infectious friendliness, intimacy and benefits of a smaller vessel.

First stop in Brazil was Salvador, where a sign says: "The place where you breathe the history, soul and essence of Brazil."

Our walking tour took in the combination of African and Portuguese history and colourful architecture dating from the 1600s.

The main square - Terreiro de Jesus - is an atmospheric hub of cultural activity, where women in traditional dress, musicians and dancers perform songs and routines. Here we enjoyed a lunch of "queijo coalho" (goats cheese barbecued then coated in local sauce), delicious at just 50p a skewer, I had four!

In the streets off the main drag, parades of drummers sounded out the samba beat.

This city is vibrant, colourful and intoxicating, no surprise it's called "the capital of joy".

Down the coast is Ilheus. After visiting this charming town we journeyed through lush

## Southern comforts

forest to Tijupe waterfall, cascading into a crystal clear pool before weaving its way through a rocky tributary.

Tranquillity is created with only the sound of the waterfall and tropical birdsong, nature at its best.

No visit to Ilheus is complete without sipping a cold beer in bar Versuvio, the most famous in Brazil.

Next the island of Ilha Grande, once home to pirates.

Boarding a schooner we sailed to Blue lagoon, which was aquamarine in colour. You swim or snorkel with tropical fish whilst gazing at amazing coral.

Sailing on to a deserted beach we soaked up the sun.

Then to Ilha Grande village, situated below rolling hills, carpeted by rain forest, watered by clouds from the Amazon. A labyrinth of quaint streets adorned with tropical flowers invites you to explore.

Here we feasted on Brazilian style chicken with local beer for just £8 per person.

We sailed into Rio de Janeiro full of expectation, first meandering along Copacabana's black and white walkway, absorbing its vibrancy, then Ipenema beach enjoying its quieter sophistication.

One of the best ways to see this

great city is by a panoramic tour covering highlights, including a funicular ride through urban forest to the imposing statue of Christ the Redeemer, one of the most iconic landmarks in the world; here you also gaze at breathtaking views of Rio. Out of the city, the botanical gardens boast exotic species.

Rio has an efficient low-cost tram and metro system, making it easy to

visit places of interest, none more than Ipenema market.

Its many wares on offer were impressive, particularly leather goods and silver, and it's kind to your pocket. Rio certainly has a magic all of its own.

Arriving at Ilhabela, known as the "beautiful island", our jeep was waiting for us.

We travelled a few miles to Pedro do Sino, where the indigenous

people had a unique way to warn of pirate attacks - by hitting the rocks creating the sound of bells. Due to a mineral within the rocks called "Fonolito", these sounds would echo for miles; I couldn't resist having a go.

We continued on rugged mountain trails through the rain forest, a little bumpy, but exhilarating.

Descending to Jabaquara beach, our schooner awaited us.



Tango dancers in La Boca Buenos Aires

## NEED TO KNOW

■ **CHRIS HUTCHINSON'S** cruise cost from £2,299pp. A similar cruise with Balmoral, the 46 night Rio Carnival & River Plate, calls into Rio during the annual carnival. Departs Southampton on January 23, 2018, price from

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■ In 2017/18 Fred.Olsen's fleet of four smaller ships will be visiting no fewer than 220 destinations in 70 countries.





Bar Vesuvio Ilheus, Brazil

First, we relaxed on the idyllic beach, then sailed back to enjoy the quiet small town with its welcoming ambience. We certainly experienced the thrills of Brazil.

We were thoroughly enjoying life on board Boudicca, including delicious cuisine, interesting guest speakers, amenities and activities, as well as evenings in the theatre – variety at its best.

Arriving in Montevideo, Uruguay, our guide walked us through the city's impressive main squares where street entertainers and stall holders provide local

flavour. We then visited the National Museum and Solis Theatre.

This city offers a balance of old and new districts, the port indoor market is also an attraction, with barbequed food cooked the Uruguayan way.

Boudicca sailed to the mouth of the River Plate, where Punte Del Este – an affluent resort full of splendid villas and apartments – faces on to an impressive promenade and beaches.

The harbour is filled with stunning yachts sitting on azure



La Mano sculpture, Punte del Este

water. A unique attraction on the Brava Beach is the La Mano sculpture depicting a giant hand emerging from the sand. One of many highs in Uruguay.

This cruise was exceeding all our expectations, and there were still more highlights to come.

We sailed overnight to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where we planned to see the city sights and rural areas.

Our river boat took us on the Tigre Delta, characterised by rivers, canals and green islands all lined with an array of tropical trees and colourful shrubs.

This area is home to century old mansions, English style cottages, villas and smaller houses, some on stilts painted in bright hues of blue and green. An environmental delight.

The city has many highlights,

most memorable being Recoleta Cemetery, resting place of Eva Peron, the grandeur of Theatre Colon and the ornate Pink Palace, where Evita waved to her adoring crowds.

La Boca, famed for its colourful wooden houses, bars and restaurants, is the cultural district for artists, musicians and the rhythm of the tango. Its market is a haven for shoppers.

Enjoying a glass of wine watching the tango dancers, my worst nightmare was realised. The beautiful female dancer Nina, invited me to dance with her. Panicking I tried to tell her that I had three left feet, to no avail.

Applause at the end of our performance was, I believe, in sympathy for my partner.

Well, I can always say I tangoed with Nina in Argentina!



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**LIVE BROADCAST: Twelfth Night**  
starring Tamsin Greig

THINGS get off to a great start at Haverhill Arts Centre this week with a big blues night tomorrow with Mud Morganfield, the son of the legendary Muddy Waters.

Mud is the proud heir of the King of Chicago Blues and has the powerful voice and the showmanship to go with it. He has shared stages with many of his father's fellow superstars like Buddy Guy and Pinetop Perkins. If you liked Lil Jimmy Reed, Eugene Hideaway Bridges and Brooks Williams and Guy Davis at the arts centre, this should be right up your street.

■ Simply Swing on Saturday is an afternoon celebration of big band music. This two hour show takes you back in time with the help of large screen projections and three vocalists performing songs by Benny Goodman, Glen Miller, Peggy Lee,

Bobby Darin, Michael Buble and of course ol' Blue Eyes himself.

■ There's plenty of monkeying around at the Monkey Nuts Comedy Club on Sunday. This time the stand-ups are Joe Bor, Suzi Ruffell and Andrew Ryan.

■ Catsuits and sequins are obviously a hit in Haverhill; the arts centre has a sell-out on Friday, March 31, with JD King's Elvis.

■ Billy Elliot will be pirouetting his way to the arts centre on Sunday and Monday, April 2 and 3, as Samuel Ward performs the story of the ballet boy wonder set against the coalminers' strike of '84 and '85.

■ There's an evening of gender-bending afoot as Tamsin Greig, (From *Black Books* and *Friday Night Dinner* – and *The Archers*) plays the traditionally male role of Malvolio as Malvolia in the NT Live broadcast

of *Twelfth Night*. The production as a whole, has been widely praised and Tamsin has been described as 'magnetic'. Go and see this classic comedy based on mistaken identity on Thursday, April 6, at 7pm.

■ Q: Why does it take pirates so long to learn the alphabet?

A: Because they spend years at C.

Q: How much did the pirate pay for his piercings?

A: A buck-an-ear.

Q: Why did nobody want to play cards with the pirate?

A: Because he was standing on the deck.

The astute among you will not be surprised that the Easter panto this year is *Treasure Island and the Caribbean Pirates*. Join Jim Hawkins on his quest to find the buried treasure and rescue the island princess from the terrible Blackbeard on Friday and Saturday,

April 7 and 8.

■ First up for films this week is *Loving* on Monday, March 27, set in 1950s Virginia. Richard and Mildred fall in love but 'inter-racial' marriage is forbidden. Richard and Mildred are not about to let a little thing like the law get in their way though. On Tuesday, March 28, Timothy Spall plays Holocaust denier David Irving in David Hare's courtroom drama *Denial*. His adversary, the historian and academic Deborah Lipstadt is played by Rachel Weisz. Mel Gibson climbs back from his fall from grace with *Hacksaw Ridge* (Thursday, March 30) which is about a Second World War conscientious objector who won a congressional Medal of Honour without firing a shot. There's also a showing of *La La Land* on Monday, March 27, at 1.30pm. Friday, March 24, 8pm, Mud

Morganfield  
Saturday, March 25, 3pm, Simply Swing  
Sunday, March 26, 8pm, Monkey Nuts Comedy Club, Joe Bor, Andrew Ryan, Suzi Ruffell (tbc)  
Monday, March 27, 1.30pm, La La Land (12A)  
Monday, March 27, 7.30pm, Loving (12A)  
Tuesday, March 28, 7.30pm, Denial (12A)  
Thursday, March 30, 7.30pm, Hacksaw Ridge (15)  
Friday, March 31, 7.30pm, JD King's Elvis  
Sunday, April 2, 2pm, and Monday, April 3, 7pm, Billy Elliot  
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## Four bedroom home



# Feature homes

## Cover property– Thurlow: £650,000

THIS four bedroom detached property in Thurlow is now available to buy for £650,000.

The property has an enclosed porch, leading towards the entrance hall, WC and the sitting room, leading to the conservatory. There is also a dining room, study and utility room, with accommodation on this level completed by a kitchen/breakfast room with integrated larder fridge, freezer and dishwasher, electric double oven and a five ring hob.

All four bedrooms can be found upstairs, two of which feature en suites. There is also a bathroom with four piece suite.

Outside, there is a lawned area to the front and a rear garden with patio area, fish pond, greenhouse and shed. There is also a double garage and driveway.

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## Haverhill: £390,000



THIS family home in Dovehouse Road, Haverhill, is available for £390,000.

The entrance hallway leads to the kitchen/utility area with fridge freezer, range cooker and a dishwasher. The room is adjacent to a utility area and a lounge. There is also a dining room and a cloakroom.

Upstairs, there are three bedrooms, a study and a family bathroom. On the second floor, there is a loft conversion with en suite.

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## Haverhill: £254,950



THIS detached two bedroom bungalow in Fisher Close, Haverhill, is now available for £254,950.

Downstairs there is a lounge, with double glazed patio doors to the rear garden and a door to the kitchen. This room features integrated appliances including a four ring gas hob with electric oven underneath. The kitchen is adjacent to the dining area.

Interior accommodation is completed by two bedrooms and a shower room with cubicle, low level WC and a wash hand basin.

Outside, there is a front garden with driveway and garage, and a rear garden with paved patio area.

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## Haverhill: £325,000



THIS four bedroom detached family home in Munnings Close, Haverhill, is now available to buy at a guide price of £325,000.

On the ground floor, accommodation consists of an entrance hall leading towards the sitting room, WC and dining room, which has a door to the conservatory. Ground floor features are completed by a kitchen with integrated appliances including electric fan

assisted double oven and a built in four ring gas hob with extractor hood over.

Upstairs, you will find all four bedrooms, the first of which has fitted wardrobes and an en suite shower room. There is also a family bathroom upstairs.

Outside, the rear garden is laid to lawn with patio area. To the front there is a driveway and a single garage.

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- Garage



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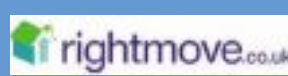


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## HAVERHILL

A three bedroom terrace family home located on the popular Chimswell Development & in one of the best positions for parking. In need of some updating

- Kitchen / Diner
- Lounge
- Cloakroom
- Bathroom
- Gas Radiator Heating
- E.P.C Awaiting

£185,000



## HELIONS PARK AVENUE

Centrally located within a highly fashionable area close to the town centre, this semi detached family home has a 75ft rear garden as well as connecting outbuildings and off road parking for at least two vehicles.

- Three Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Shower Room
- Utility Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- EPC Grade D

£269,950

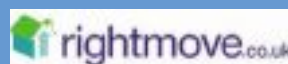


## STURMER ROAD

A deceptively spacious non estate detached house which offers a modern kitchen, good sized lounge with conservatory off, separate dining room, utility room, ground floor shower room, four first floor bedrooms and large bathroom. A large adjoining double garage plus carport and fantastic, large rear garden.

- Gas Fired Radiator Heating
- Double Glazed Windows
- Large Rear Garden
- Conservatory
- Refitted Kitchen
- EPC Grade E

OIRO £425,000

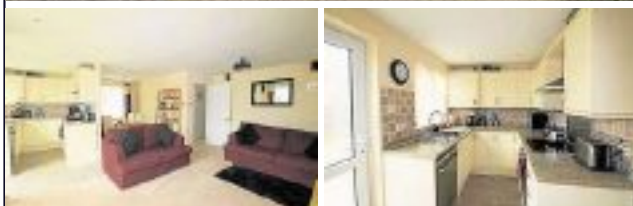




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Fisher Close

A well presented detached bungalow offering lounge and dining area, kitchen, two bedrooms, shower room, garage & driveway. There are also the added benefits of UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and front & rear gardens.

£254,950

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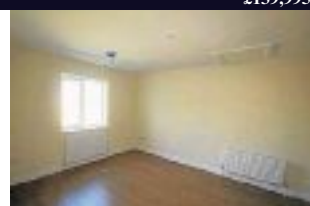
NEW HOME



Murton Slade

£139,995

Newly constructed first floor flat situated in a central town location offering lounge/dining & kitchen area, double bedroom, bathroom and private access. Ideal first time purchase or investment property. Viewing highly recommended



SOLD STC

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Downs Place £186,950

SAMUEL'S

SOLD STC

MORE REQUIRED



Woodcock Close £205,000

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SOLD STC

MORE REQUIRED



Victoria Road £245,000

SAMUEL'S

SOLD STC

MORE REQUIRED



Yeldham Place £235,000

SAMUEL'S

SOLD STC

MORE REQUIRED



Pinhoe Drive £355,000

SAMUEL'S

NEW LISTING

NEW HOME



Murton Slade

£135,000

Newly constructed ground floor flat offering lounge/dining & kitchen area, double bedroom, bathroom and private access. An ideal first time purchase or investment property. Viewing highly recommended



Cleves Road

Detached family house offering lounge, ground floor cloakroom, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms with en-suite to master, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden and a detached garage and driveway offering parking for several vehicles. EPC rating: D, 61

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# SAMUEL'S

## Established 1998



### Roman Way

Three bedroom (previously four bedrooms) detached family house situated on the popular Turpins Ride development offering lounge, dining room, ground floor cloakroom, kitchen, utility room, en-suite to master bedroom, family bathroom, front & rear gardens and internal garage & driveway.

EPC rating: D, 59

£329,995



NEW PRICE



### Arrendene Road

£389,995

Rarely available and considerably enlarged four bedroom detached family house offering a self contained one bedroom annexe and is set in a tucked away position with the added benefit of a detached garage and driveway. EPC Rating C, 70



NO ONWARD CHAIN



### Withersfield Road

£142,500

An opportunity to purchase this well presented terraced property situated in a popular close to town location. The property benefits from lounge/dining room, kitchen, shower room, two bedrooms and a roof terrace. Viewing highly recommended. EPC rating: D, 61



SOLD STC

MORE REQUIRED

Pinhoe Drive £385,000

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SOLD STC

MORE REQUIRED

Duddery Hill £255,000

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SOLD STC

MORE REQUIRED

Kings Meadow, Kedington £264,950

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SOLD STC

MORE REQUIRED

Beaumont Court £310,000

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SOLD STC

MORE REQUIRED

Monarch Close £259,000

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TO LET

### Colne Valley Road

£695 pcm

Terraced property situated close to the town centre offering lounge, kitchen / dining room, two bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens and allocated parking. Housing benefit not accepted.

No smokers or pets. Available Now. EPC rating: C,

75



TO LET

### Primrose Hill

£695 pcm

Victorian terraced property situated in a popular close to town location offering lounge, dining room, kitchen, g/f WC, Cellar, two double bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking, front & rear gardens. Regret no smokers & DHSS no accepted. Available Now. EPC Rating D, 59

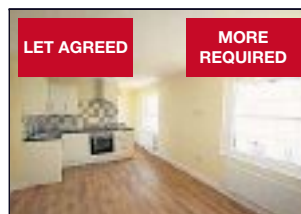


LET AGREED

MORE REQUIRED

Minerva Close £625

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LET AGREED

MORE REQUIRED

### Queen Street

£665

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MORE REQUIRED

### Shardlow Close

£695 pcm

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MORE REQUIRED

### Sperling Drive

£625 pcm

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UNRIVALLED COVERAGE AROUND HAVERHILL

**Haverhill****Guide Price £320,000**

A spacious four bedroom period house located within easy walking distance of the town centre. The property enjoys a lovely open-plan sitting / dining room, attractive fitted kitchen, master bedroom with a separate dressing room and an integral double length garage.

**NEW****Haverhill****Guide Price £269,950**

Within a small development off Hamlet Road is this recently constructed end of terrace three bedroom house with parking for two vehicles. The property enjoys a spacious sitting/dining room, attractive kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs WC and private rear garden. (EPC Rating B).

**Stradishall****Guide Price £159,950**

A rather generous three bedroom mid terrace property situated within the village of Stradishall. The property offers spacious living accommodation including an open plan lounge / diner, utility room, and single garage en-bloc. (EPC Rating ).

**NEW PRICE****Stradishall****Guide Price £675,000**

Beech House is a stunning executive four bedroom detached property, converted by the current vendors to create a comfortable, light, contemporary family home. Occupying a generous plot in the region of 0.25 acre (sts) with wonderful views over open countryside, it is located within commuting distance to Cambridge, Newmarket and Bury St Edmunds and is for sale with no onward chain. (EPC Rating D).

**Kedington****Guide Price £269,950**

A beautifully presented three bedroom family home set in the desirable village of Kedington. The property enjoys a generous plot, attractive kitchen/diner, pleasant un-overlooked rear garden, generous driveway and garage. (EPC Rating E).

**Weston Colville****Guide Price £210,000**

A good-size two bedroom bungalow located in the popular Cambridgeshire village of Weston Colville. The property is in need of modernisation and offers good potential for improvement.

**SALE AGREED****New England****Guide Price £350,000**

A beautifully presented and charming three bedroom semi detached cottage situated within the peaceful hamlet of New England. The property enjoys many fine features including a beautiful sitting room with feature fireplace, dining room, kitchen, large rear garden, garage and driveway. (EPC Rating ).

**Clare****Guide Price £210,000**

An investment opportunity to purchase this two bedroom mid terraced bungalow situated in the market town of Clare, being sold with tenants in situ and currently achieving £675 PCM. (EPC Rating C).





## Kedington

Guide Price £685,000

Stablecroft is a beautifully presented, five bedroom detached chalet bungalow set in a peaceful location within this desirable village and enjoying wonderful views over open countryside. Along with the property is a separate annexe. This has been divided into two one-bedroom units which are used by the vendor to provide bed and breakfast accommodation, but which could be used for a variety of other purposes, depending upon the needs of any future owner. The property sits on a generous corner plot and includes a swimming pool, plus various timber sheds and outbuildings. The generous parking area could accommodate a detached garage or cartlodge, if required.



NEW



## Haverhill

Guide Price £370,000

A substantial five bedroom detached townhouse offering spacious and versatile living accommodation situated on this popular residential development. The property also benefits from a pleasant kitchen / breakfast room, two bedrooms with en-suite facilities, single garage and driveway. (EPC Rating C).

## Streetly End

Guide Price £599,000

An impressive and immaculately presented four bedroom detached residence set in an idyllic location within the well regarded village of West Wickham and ideally placed within commuting distance to Cambridge. Offered for sale with no onward chain (EPC Rating E).

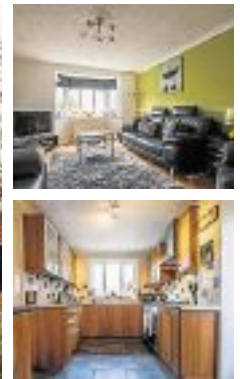


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UNRIVALLED COVERAGE AROUND HAVERHILL

**NEW****Haverhill****Guide Price £174,950**

A generous two bedroom end of terrace property situated on the popular Parkway development. The property benefits from many fine features including kitchen/breakfast room, study area and pleasant garden. (EPC Rating E).

**Haverhill****Guide Price £325,000**

A well presented four bedroom detached family home nicely positioned on the popular Gainsborough Park development overlooking a green. The property benefits from an attractive kitchen, a conservatory, new bathroom suite and a garage with driveway.

**Haverhill****Guide Price £279,950**

An attractive three bedroom detached house located on the popular Strawberry Fields development. The property benefits from two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, en suite to the master bedroom and is being sold with no onward chain.

**SALE AGREED****Kedington****Guide Price £250,000**

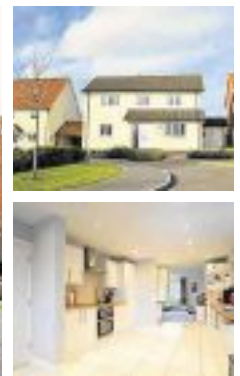
A beautifully presented three bedroom family house which has been excellently extended to provide a stunning open plan kitchen / family room. The property also benefits from an un-overlooked rear garden and off road parking.

**SALE AGREED****Haverhill****Guide Price £112,950**

A nicely presented and generous one bedroom first floor apartment benefiting from allocated parking and being sold with no onward chain.

**Thurlow****Guide Price £650,000**

A most impressive four bedroom detached property providing spacious yet versatile living accommodation set within the well regarded village of Thurlow with wonderful views of open countryside to the front and rear of the property.

**Wickhambrook****Offers In Excess Of £475,000**

Thorns Corner House is an exceptionally well presented four bedroom detached family home offering spacious and versatile living accommodation situated on a private development within the desirable village of Wickhambrook. The property was fully renovated in 2011 and currently has six years NHBC cover remaining. (EPC Rating D).



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Streetly End

£1,200 PCM

A beautifully presented four bedroom semi detached house in rural location in Cambridgeshire. The property benefits from ample off road parking, large rear garden and two reception rooms. Available April.

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Haverhill

£750 PCM

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### WEST WICKHAM £380,000



A detached bungalow with spacious and versatile accommodation of a kitchen and utility room, dining area, family room/study, three bedrooms, family bathroom and a large conservatory. Off road parking for two vehicles and landscaped gardens. Viewing is highly recommended.

### HAVERHILL £245,000

NEW



A semi-detached property just a short walk from the town centre with accommodation of a refitted kitchen/diner, a lounge, three good sized bedrooms and a family bathroom. With off road parking for three vehicles, a front garden and a fully enclosed south facing rear garden. Viewing advised.

### WITHERSFIELD £395,000



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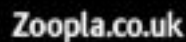
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### HAVERHILL £300,000



A detached family home located on the sought after 'Strawberry Fields' development towards the Cambridge side of town. The property has been extended and boasts accommodation to include a porch, a kitchen, a separate dining room, a lounge, a conservatory a ground floor cloakroom, three first floor bedrooms with an en-suite shower room to the Master bedroom and a family bathroom. With a driveway providing off road parking leading to a single garage and a south facing rear garden.

### HAVERHILL £190,000

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### HAVERHILL £230,000



A superbly presented semi-detached property which was built in 2015 and is still under NHBC warranty. With a modern kitchen/breakfast room, lounge/diner, ground floor cloakroom, two double bedrooms and a family bathroom. With a fully enclosed rear garden and two parking spaces.

### HAVERHILL £390,000

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### LITTLE WRATTING

Haverhill 1.5 miles - Cambridge 20 miles



A substantial detached house offering a blend of character and contemporary accommodation. Sitting room, dining room, family room, games room, evening room, kitchen/breakfast room and utility room. 4 bedrooms (2 en-suite) and family bathroom. Ample off road parking, outbuildings and gardens.

**Guide £795,000**

### STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD

Haverhill 4 miles - Saffron Walden 10 miles



An exceptional Grade II Listed 17th Century property situated in the heart of the village. Reception hall, drawing room, dining room, study, play room, kitchen/breakfast room and utility. 6 bedrooms (3 en-suite) and bathroom. Outbuildings and annexe.

**In all about 0.5 acres.**

**Guide £835,000**

### RIDGEWELL

Clare 4 miles - Haverhill 5 miles



**SALE  
AGREED**



A tastefully presented detached house situated in a quiet, tucked away location. Sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility and cloakroom. 5 bedrooms (1 en-suite) and bathroom. Garage large gardens.

EPC Rating: E

**Guide £450,000**

### STURMER

Haverhill 3 miles - Saffron Walden 16 miles



**SALE  
AGREED**



A tastefully presented modern barn. 2 receptions, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility and cloakroom. 4 bedrooms (1 en-suite), dressing room/bedroom 5 and family bathroom. Double cart lodge and garden.

EPC Rating: C

**Guide £499,950**

### HORSEHEATH

Haverhill 3 miles - Cambridge 10 miles



A charming 2 bedroom thatched cottage situated in this sought after South Cambridgeshire village. The property, which is in need of updating/modernisation, has the potential to extend, subject to the necessary planning consents, and sits in a generous plot. Sitting room, kitchen and cloakroom.

EPC Rating: E

**Guide £230,000**

### LITTLE WRATTING

Haverhill 2 miles - Cambridge 17 miles



This charming 3 bedroom Grade II Listed thatched cottage is situated in a semi-rural location. The property has retained many original period features including an attractive inglenook fireplace complemented by a modern kitchen and bathrooms whilst being set within mature gardens backing onto open countryside.

**Offers In Excess Of £300,000**

**SALE  
AGREED**

### HAVERHILL

Haverhill 2 miles - Cambridge 17 miles



A spacious detached house situated within a sought after development on the Cambridge side of town. Sitting room, dining room, garden room, study, kitchen/breakfast room and cloakroom. 4 bedrooms (1 en-suite) and family bathroom. Garage, off road parking and gardens.

EPC Rating: D

**Guide £375,000**

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**UNDER OFFER 2017**



### MORE WANTED - CHAPPLE DRIVE AREA

Bright & spacious three bedroom semi detached house, located within a prime residential area not far from the town centre. Presented in good condition throughout and comes with planning permission granted for a double storey side extension. Two reception rooms, play room, kitchen, three good sized bedrooms upstairs and a modern shower room. Large rear garden, paved driveway and a single garage. Sole Agent.

**SOLD 2017**



### MORE WANTED - GOLDINGS CLOSE AREA

SALE AGREED - GOLDINGS CLOSE - MORE PROPERTY REQUIRED WITHIN THIS AREA. WE ARE LOOKING FOR BOTH TWO, THREE AND FOUR BEDROOMED PROPERTIES. IF YOU ARE THINKING OF SELLING PLEASE CALL US FOR A FREE MARKET VALUATION.

**SOLD 2017**



### MORE WANTED - ROMAN WAY AREA

SALE AGREED - CLAUDIAN CLOSE - MORE PROPERTY REQUIRED WITHIN THIS AREA. WE ARE LOOKING FOR BOTH THREE AND FOUR BEDROOMED PROPERTIES. IF YOU ARE THINKING OF SELLING PLEASE CALL US FOR A FREE MARKET VALUATION.

**UNDER OFFER 2017**



### MORE WANTED - RUFFLES ROAD AREA

INVESTMENT BUYERS ONLY - Lovely three bedroom house with ensuite shower room, bathroom, kitchen, lounge and separate dining room, conservatory, cloakroom, enclosed rear garden and allocated parking. Sole Agent.

**UNDER OFFER 2017**



### MORE WANTED STRAWBERRY FIELDS AREA

Outstanding three bedroom semi detached family home, prime residential area. Lounge, conservatory, large kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, three bedrooms, ensuite shower room, modern bathroom, lovely rear garden, parking and garage. Very well presented internally, and a viewing is a must. Sole Agent.

**UNDER OFFER 2017**



### MORE WANTED ARAGON RD AREA

Fantastic 4 bedroom detached house, modern and well presented living accommodation, three receptions, conservatory, two bathrooms, low maintenance garden, solar panels, outside workshop, detached garage and ample parking for 3 or 4 vehicles. An internal viewing is a must to fully appreciate this fine home. Sole Agent.



### HAVERHILL £POA

Two bedroom semi detached bungalow, offering bright & spacious accommodation throughout, in very good condition. Good sized living room with brick fireplace, two double bedrooms both with fitted wardrobes, modern fully tiled shower room with large corner shower cubicle, modern kitchen with space for a table and chairs. Good sized rear garden, driveway, detached single garage. Sole Agent.



### GREAT SAMPFORD £1,325,000

A stunning 17th Century grade 11 listed barn conversion, set within grounds of approx 1 acre, with pond. This beautiful property boasts so much charm and character, such as Oak window frames, Oak beams, two Oak staircases, balcony overlooking the living room with a large brick open fireplace. The property is approx 3400 sqft and offers six bedrooms, three bathrooms, and a wealth of other features. A truly magnificent property that must be viewed internally to fully appreciate its splendour. Sole Agent.



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# Wheels

## Return of the festival of the unexceptional

CLASSIC vehicle insurance specialist Hagerty has confirmed the return of its popular annual Festival of the Unexceptional, Concours de l'Ordinaire, due to be held on Saturday, July 22.

For 2017, the location for this unique and light-hearted event is moving just a few miles down the road from its previous venue, relocating to the stunning surroundings of Stowe House, Buckingham, next to the Silverstone motor circuit.

These spectacular surroundings will perfectly set off the annual Hagerty concours, which celebrates the much maligned and long forgotten 'ordinary' classic cars and commercial vehicles of the late 1960s, 70s and 80s.

The Concours de l'Ordinaire will be free to attend, and open to classic cars and commercial vehicles built between 1966 to 1989.

Any owner of a suitably mundane but interesting 'unexceptional' 1966-1989 vehicle can register for consideration and potential participation at <https://www.hagertyinsurance.co.uk/articles-and.../festival-of-the-unexceptional>.

# Buy now to beat taxman

**V**AUXHALL is encouraging customers to buy in March from its best-selling range of passenger cars to avoid next month's Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) increase.

The updated road tax measures will provide a big shake-up of the existing system, with the revision of the vehicle tax bands affecting everyone buying a new car from April onwards. Big savings can be made across the Vauxhall range if you buy now before the new rules come in to force.

Based on four years of ownership, the Corsa SRi 1.0i Turbo (90PS) Start/Stop ecoFLEX in three-door hatch body style will go from £60 (zero VED in the first year, subsequent years at £20 standard rate) under the current regulations to £560 from April 1, 2017, to April 1, 2021.

If you're in the market for a compact family car, the Astra SRi 1.0i Turbo (105PS) Start/Stop ecoFLEX in five-door hatch body style sees a VED hike of £500, where you would pay £60 under current VED regulations.

For customers looking for a compact SUV, the new regulations mean a Mokka X Active 1.6 CDTi (110PS) Start/Stop ecoFLEX FWD model will see VED increase by £500 to £560 over a four-year period.

These savings are in addition to Vauxhall's Sales Event which runs from today until Tuesday, where you



COMPACT: The Vauxhall Mokka X

can get a new Vauxhall plus a great deal more.

As well as beating the taxman, at participating retailers you can get £500 spending money and 20 per cent off genuine Vauxhall accessories.

"We don't want our customers to be caught out on VED come April 1," said Leon Caruso, Vauxhall's retail sales director. "Not only can they beat the tax hike if they order in March, but customers can also take

advantage of our great finance offers, making their new Vauxhall even more affordable."

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## New GSX-R1000 to headline Manchester bike show

THE all-new Suzuki GSX-R1000 will be stealing the headlines at next weekend's Manchester bike show, with the hotly anticipated superbike set to take centre stage at EventCity on March 25 and 26.

The new machine boasts technology taken directly from motorcycle racing's blue riband class – MotoGP – including a clever variable valve timing system that allows the new Suzuki to deliver both class-leading power and torque in the 1000cc sports bike segment. Launched to effusive praise by the world's motorcycling media last month, the groundbreaking machine will be one of the biggest crowd pullers at the show.

Suzuki will also be displaying its two new flagship adventure machines, the range-topping V-Strom 1000XT and the do-it-all, middleweight V-Strom 650XT. Both bikes benefit from off-road focused wire-spoke wheels, and feature a sophisticated traction control system. The V-Strom 1000 also benefits from a lean-angle sensitive ABS system.

The new GSX-S750 street bike will

**SHOWSTOPPER:** The Suzuki GSX-R1000 is set to pull in the crowds at the Manchester Bike Show



also feature, along with the iconic GSX-R750 it shares so much of its DNA with, and the bigger GSX-S1000 super-naked.

Also forming part of Suzuki's extensive display will be a number of

small capacity machines, including the VanVan 125 and the Address scooter. The luxury Burgman 650 Executive will highlight Suzuki's maxi-scooter range.

Paying homage to the firm's rich

heritage will be an original GSX-R750F from 1985, as well as a GSX-R1100L, which was immaculately restored by the pupils at Suzuki's apprentice centre. The Katana that Team Classic Suzuki will race at this year's Endurance Legends event in May will also feature.

Working in association with Suzuki will be local dealership Road and Racing, who will have staff on hand to talk through all of the new bikes in Suzuki's range, as well as arrange test rides and discuss availability.

Road & Racing's dealer principal, Mark Samuels, said: "We're delighted to be attending the Manchester Show with Suzuki. This is a show that's growing every year, so we're pleased to be here with so many new models. On top of this, we'll be showing some special classic machines from our own collection as well as Suzuki GB's."

The Manchester bike show takes place on March 25 and 26, with doors opening at 9:30am on both days. Suzuki and Road and Racing can be found at Stand 479.

For ticket information, visit [www.manchesterbikeshow.com/](http://www.manchesterbikeshow.com/).

## New design tool to be unveiled at London Motor Show



**WORLD-LEADING** design and innovation company Seymourpowell has announced plans to showcase an exciting, new design tool at this year's London Motor Show that uses virtual reality technology to respond to current challenges within the automotive industry.

Seymourpowell believes the tool can help automotive companies shorten the time from napkin sketch to showroom floor, and become more agile and reactive in the design process.

The new tool Seymourpowell will be unveiling takes a huge step in this direction. The company will demonstrate how it could reduce design time, allowing businesses to meet consumer demands quicker than ever before.

Alec Mumford, chairman of the London Motor Show, said: "We are thrilled to welcome along Seymourpowell to the London Motor Show. Their innovative design tools are paramount to pushing the boundaries of engineering and design prowess in the motoring world. The London Motor Show has a massive public and motor industry audience, who will be keen to see the latest in technological advances from Seymourpowell."

Richard Seale, lead automotive designer at Seymourpowell, said: "Our new VR design tool allows us to design cars in a way that I never thought possible. It not only drastically streamlines the design process, it also allows for full-scale, real-time creative design based around real engineering data."

"It takes collaborating with engineers, designers, modelers and ultimately clients to a whole new level. Being a London-based design company, The London Motor Show could not be a better place to showcase our new tool."

Seymourpowell has been designing and innovating in just about every area for more than 30 years, from aviation and automotive, to consumer electronics and FMCG goods.

More details on Seymourpowell's new design tool will be announced in due course in advance of the London Motor Show.

# A guide on how to pass your MOT the first time

**A** CAMBRIDGE tyre specialist has released a top tips guide to help ensure MOT tests are passed first time, after research shows that an alarming one in five vehicles fails due to easily avoidable problems.

Newly released figures compiled with the help of Cambridge Performance Tyres, part of the Protire Network on Unit 53 Clifton Road Industrial Estate, Cherry Hinton Road, reveals that from a survey of a 100 cars, 21 per cent of those failed the MOT test.

The most common problems identified, with over a third of motorists (36 per cent) reporting a failure, related to tyres and wheels, followed by 23 per cent with steering and suspension issues.

In third place, Protire reports 10 per cent fail due to wipers and washer issues – simple faults motorists can remedy themselves.

Darryl Block, manager of Cambridge Performance Tyres, advises that easy checks carried out by motorists can drastically reduce the chances of their vehicle failing its MOT if they look out for the top five common problems.

Top five tips to avoid MOT failures:

**1. Tyres and wheels**



**TESTING TIMES:** There are simple checks motorists can carry out to avoid MOT failures

Visually check your tyre condition. Any damage present, or a tread depth less than 1.6 mm will fail an MOT test. Each tyre must be free from lumps, bulges and cracks. If in doubt, place a 20p coin into the main grooves of each tyre. If you can see the outer edge of the coin, the tread is below the legal limit and you will need to replace the tyre. Not changing tyres that are below legal limit could also lead to three points

on your driving licence and a fine of £2,500 per illegal tyre.

**2. Steering and suspension wear and tear**

Check for bangs or knocks when going over bumps or lurching when driving, as this may be an indication that your car has mechanical issues.

**3. Wipers and washers**

Look out for wipers that smear the screen or have visible tears. Also, something as small as an empty wash

bottle can cause an MOT fail. Ensure your bottle is topped up with either water or screenwash before taking your vehicle in for a test.

**4. Lights**

Whether its headlights or brake lights, check front, rear, brake, fog, indicator, registration plate and signals. If these are not fully operational they will fail the test, so replace bulbs where required.

**5. Brakes**

Check your brakes as you set off. Wear, corrosion and distortion will cause your vehicle to fail its MOT. If you hear any strange noises, or if your car pulls to one side, contact your local garage immediately.

Mr Block said: "If motorists take the time to carry out simple checks beforehand, they can very easily avoid MOT failures."

"By identifying the most common causes for these failures, motorists have a greater opportunity to pass first time."

"If motorists do find they have any problems before their vehicle is due for an MOT, it's best to inform their garage ahead of time, so that any issues can be rectified in advance."

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## Sims looking on bright side after Sebring workout



FLORIDA DRIVE: Alexander Sims in action in the Sebring 12 Hours

ALEXANDER Sims came away from the Sebring 12 Hours with a sixth-place finish but was happy with his performance at the Florida circuit.

Sims shared a BMW M6 GTLM with Bill Auberlen and Kuno Wittmer for the 12-hour endurance event, his second outing in the 2017 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship.

Their final position – sixth in the GTLM class and 12th overall – was an improvement on the eighth Sims achieved at the Rolex 24 earlier this year, but was some way off the top-three position he and the Team RLL outfit were hoping for going into the event.

“I would have loved to be fighting for the top positions but the field is just so competitive,” said Sims.

“I’m still delighted with the consistency and reliability that the M6 showed. We can take a lot away from these two endurance races and focus our efforts on the sprint races coming up.”

West Wratting driver Sims took qualifying duties in the #25 BMW and

## Motorsport

put the team ninth in class, just 0.7 sec off the pole-sitter in 1min 56.660sec.

He then took the opening stint of the race, climbing up to seventh place after 20 minutes.

By the time he handed the car over to Auberlen, Sims was running sixth.

In total Sims spent four hours and 48 minutes behind the wheel of the car, more than either of his co-drivers.

The car ran consistently throughout the event, with Auberlen bringing the car home at the end 1min 18sec behind the class-winning Corvette.

Sims added: “I really enjoyed Sebring and the car actually felt quite nice to drive, with a good balance.

“It was a real challenge, especially after night fell with Sebring’s bumpy surface, but it was good fun.”

The WeatherTech SportsCar Championship now heads to California for a short 100-minute race on the Long Beach street circuit on April 9.

# Rovers fight back to take a point against Swaffham

HAVERHILL Rovers came back from 2-0 down against Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division bottom club Swaffham Town to draw 2-2.

Hosts Swaffham went ahead in the fifth minute after Rovers defender Owen Boddey failed to clear.

Mark Allibone took advantage and set up Ben Champion whose first-time shot left keeper Charlie Turner with no chance.

Ben Bradley, Rafal Wozniak and Rory Jebb all had efforts saved as

## Football

Rovers looked to get back on terms, but Swaffham were next to score in the 18th minute.

Rovers’ defence appealed for an offside flag that never came, allowing James Thompson to roll the ball past Turner for a 2-0 lead.

Wozniak had an effort saved at the other end but it remained 2-0 at the interval.

Haverhill switched to their more familiar formation for the second

half, and Wozniak was denied twice more, this time by the woodwork.

Rovers finally found a way past the Swaffham keeper in the 73rd minute. A free kick came out to Mitchell Burr, and his excellent volley found its way into the back of the net.

In a tense finale the equaliser arrived in the 80th minute.

Wozniak made a strong run and passed to Bradley, who set up substitute Mason Newman to shoot into the bottom corner and make it

2-2. Both sides had chances to win the game in the 90th minute.

Turner pulled off a fine save to deny the hosts, and then Justin Leavers had a shot saved by the outstretched leg of the Swaffham keeper.

In the First Division, Haverhill Borough’s impressive form shows no sign of slowing down as they romped to a 4-0 win over Holland.

A quiet first half came to life late on when, moments after Boro keeper Paul Walker had pulled off a

fine save to deny the visitors, Ryan Swallow scored from 25 yards to give the home side a 1-0 lead.

Charlie Holmes made it 2-0 just before the hour and shortly afterwards Holland were reduced to 10 men when one of their players was sent off for handling Craig Pruden’s goalbound effort.

Pruden’s penalty was saved but the striker buried the rebound.

Jarid Robson then added a fourth goal as Boro ran out comfortable winners.

## Chalkstone members are on the up

CHALKSTONE Karate Club, Haverhill, had 28 members move up to their next grade after recent grading examinations.

The results were as follows: Flynn Chandler, Sapphire Faircloth (11th kyu); Ellie Robb, Brodie Faircloth, Aden Andrews, Victoria Tavares, Harry Harber, George Harber (9th kyu, red belt); Logan Faircloth, Lewie Bardoe, Vedika Pillai, Elif Goyaka, Evie Sutherland, Sreesujan Dandamudi, Cayden Tickner,

## Martial arts

Ted Xaxley (8th kyu, orange belt); Jessica Atkins (7th kyu, yellow belt); Mae-Louise Franks (5th kyu, purple belt); Cody Turner, Amber Carr, Nathan Falconio (4th kyu, blue belt); Joshua Bryant, Ethan Bolton, Joshua Matenga, Jason Wale (3rd kyu, brown belt); Finlay Bolton, Lauren Falconio (2nd kyu, brown belt with one red stripe); Jon Crowe (1st kyu, brown belt with two red stripes).



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